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what's happening at the bridge

Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people

**Connect with God's people in your life
Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life**

Ways to Connect with God's *mission* at the bridge

Fri. Mar. 6 - 1:00 pm - Women of the bridge

Sun. Mar. 8 - Daylight Savings Time

Sun. Mar. 8 - Equal Exchange Coffee/Chocolate Sale between services

Sun. Mar. 8 - 11:45 am - Matthew's Ministry Packing

Mon. Mar. 9 - 2:00 pm - Leland House Craft

Thu. Mar. 19 - 1:00 pm - Chrismon Craft Small Group

Sun. Mar. 22 - 11:45 am - Connection Class

Available Sermon Based Small Groups - Beginning March 1st

Sun. - 11:45 am - Warnock Room at the bridge - Facilitators - Jerry and Teresa Pierce

Mon. - 10:00 am - Room A at the bridge - Facilitator - Cathy Purves

Tue. - 4:00 pm - Room A at the bridge - Facilitators - Tom and Greer Broadwater

Tue. - 6:30 pm - at 242 Windchime Way (Mag. Greens) - Facilitator - Barbara Hedin

Wed. - 7:00 pm - at 1004 Rosea Ct. (Mag. Greens) Co-Facilitators Ruth Hepner/Fran Rumpf

Thu. - 6:30 pm - 2179 Talmage Dr. (Br. Forest) - Co-Facilitator - Wanda Batten/Charlie Riddle

Weekly Small Groups

Mon. - 6:00 pm - Boy Scouts and SOS (Siblings of Scouts)

Tue. - 10:00 am - Sleep Mats for Homeless

Tue. - 7:00 pm - Bridge to Serenity (Al-Anon Group) Meeting

Tue. - 7:00 pm - New Attitudes (A.A. Group) Meeting

Wed. - 8:00 am - Men's Prayer and Share Small Group

Sat. - 7:00 pm - New Attitudes (A.A. Group) Meeting

Sun. - 7:30 pm - There is a Solution (A.A. Group) Meeting

The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at **the bridge**? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -
Give generously - Cherish children -
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

Worship Weekly



Date: March 8, 2020

Title: Unanticipated Good News: It's Slow, Silent And Steady

Text: Mark 4: 26 – 32: Matthew 11: 25 - 30

Questions:

- What difference would it make for you if God were to intervene in our world in some dramatic, grand and miraculous fashion?
- Why in the world would Jesus compare his Kingdom work in the world to something as insignificant as seeds?
- Is it more important to attempt to do great things for God in the world or to trust that God is already doing great things in the world?



bridge "Notes" from Patty

I'm drawn to world news like a cat to catnip but it doesn't bring me a sense of comfort, joy, or peace. I should have given it up for lent but that didn't happen. When I feel the Holy Spirit leading to me do something, I have the tendency to try to compromise. I know my mental attitude will be better without the news. I'm cutting it off right.....now..... well, maybe just right after the headlines.

Enjoy this awesome, happy, joyful video and let's get up and dance. Less news and more music!!!

<https://youtu.be/I2lvHbXZp-I>

See ya Sunday.

Easter Sunday Choir

*Performing 2 contemporary selections with
The bridge Praise Band
on Easter Sunday April 12th
(youth and adults all ages)
Rehearsals on Thursdays at 5:00
March 19-April 9th
(Sign up Sheet on the information table)*

Contact Patty at patty.lyerly@gmail.com with any questions

Pray Daily



- Sallie Bohn - recovering from back surgery
- Jim Graham - health issues
- All the families affected by the tornadoes in Tennessee
- All those in our country and around the world affected by the coronavirus

Welcome and Include Everyone

Servers for Sunday, March 8th



Ushers

9:00 am - Virgil Batten, Ben Lindsey, George and Peggy Robertson

10:30 am – Dennis Rumpf, Clyde Queen, James and Brenda Bozeman



Greeters

9:00 am - George and Peggy Robertson

10:30 am - Clyde and Luana Queen, David Sink



Connecting Partners

9:00 am - Judy Bath

10:30 am - Dixie Bennett and Barbara Harwell



Equal Exchange

Sunday, March 8th

On Sunday, March 8th Equal Exchange will be conducting our monthly, Chocolate and Coffee sale. The Equal Exchange Coffee sales serve a dual purpose at The Bridge. The sales not only support small-scale farmers around the world, it also supports Sunday morning coffee service to The Bridge attendees. As The Bridge continues to expand the cost of weekly coffee service, has increased substantially. Monthly Coffee sales have not increased.

In order to continue providing, this high quality, sustainable product, we are asking all of you who enjoy coffee on Sunday morning, to please consider a chocolate or coffee purchase this month.

Thank you .

Give Generously

Last Sunday, March 1, 2020

Attendance	123	(4-week average)
Offering	\$ 4,579	(4-week average)
Offering	\$ 4,885	(8-week average)
Actual Attendance	129	
Actual Offering	\$ 6,491	

Church Family,

Our office manager recently noticed a drop off in our mail volume. Indeed, some bills and other correspondence were not getting to the office. Last week Wanda left a note for the mail person.

Monday morning (3/2/2020) we had approximately 80 pieces of mail delivered. Some of the mail dated as far back as November of last year. Included in this mail were bank checks that you had sent for offering.

First, let me assure everyone that it was the US Post Office that lost the mail. We have been in contact with the Postmaster and with our regular carrier. Our carrier had surgery in early December and just returned to work last week. Upon seeing the note, she started looking. Mail was found in vacant mail slots and a large container was never sorted or delivered by the substitute carrier. This effected many businesses in the Waterford complex. **The postmaster has assured us this problem has been rectified and will not happen again.**

All checks have been posted and deposited. The total is \$11,550.41

We would ask everyone, especially if you mailed your check, to **please check your REALM giving and/or bank statements to be sure there are no outstanding checks.** We want to thank you for your generosity to God's mission with your pledges.

Please contact Wanda if you have any questions or see any errors on your giving. She can be reached at 910-769-4951 or thebridgepres@gmail.com

Yours in Christ,

Bill Harwell

Generosity Elder



Connections Class

Sunday - March 22nd

11:45 am (immediately after 2nd service)

Would you like to learn more about *the bridge*? Please join us for an informal information session hosted by the Connections Team, Sunday, March 22ND, immediately following the second service. This a wonderful opportunity to get to know more about *the bridge* and spend some time getting to know our Pastor, Doug Cushing, and others who are new to our church family. Doug will discuss how our church was started and God's mission for *the bridge*. He will give us an overview of our 8 core habits and how these core habits connect with the ministry teams. Doug will share some of our plans for helping our community and growing our church. He will also discuss how you can join our mission by becoming a Covenant Partner when you are ready to do so.

We invite anyone who has worshiped with us and wants to learn more to consider this time of fellowship and information. We also encourage current members to accompany those they have introduced to *the bridge*. Your experience and support will help us make everyone feel welcome and truly part of our church family.

We will provide a light lunch, so it is important to RSVP if you are interested in coming so that we can plan. You can sign up by contacting Wanda in the church office, by using the signup sheet on the long table in the lobby or by emailing thebridgepres@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming another great group to our church family!!

Serve Our Community



North Carolina Association
of Free & Charitable Clinics

Our featured Sustainable Mission Partner for March is the New Hope Clinic.

This non-profit organization provides free medical, dental and pharmacy care to low income, uninsured, Brunswick County adults. With a volunteer staff of healthcare professionals, they provide nearly 6,000 patient encounters annually.

Sheila Roberts, the Executive Director, will visit with us Sunday, March 8th to tell us about volunteer opportunities. Our suggested mission projects are spring cleaning of the yard around their clinic, and collecting items that are needed by their office staff and patients.

Please see list below. Since the blood pressure monitors and personal compressors are pricey, please consider purchasing them as a small group project. There will be a bin for donations located near the back by the name badges.

The yard clean up will be planned in late March or April.

As always, your participation in mission projects is voluntary, but greatly appreciated.

Your Mission Team

New Hope Clinic Wish List

Cool Mist Compressor System for Home and Travel Use for Adults and Kids by LSBZ
or Personal Compressor System Machines

Omron 5 Series Upper Arm Blood Pressure Monitor, 2-User, 100 Reading Memory
or Upper Arm Automatic Blood Pressure Monitors

MedtFine Insulin Pen Needles (31G 8mm)

MedtFine Insulin Pen Needles (32G 4mm)

Pill Organizers- 7 day/ 4 times a day

Post-it Message Flags "Sign Here" assorted colors, bold arrow points

Post-it Super Sticky Rio de Janeiro Colors 3x3 notes

3x3 inches yellow self stick notes

Heavy duty can liners-clear 56 gallon 1.2 ml



Craft Day at Leland House



Monday, March 9th, at 2:00 pm is Craft Day at Leland House Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility. Please join us in helping the residents make a simple St. Patrick's Day craft and providing refreshments. All are welcome for this time of fellowship with our friends at Leland House.

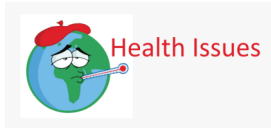
For More Information email Patti Pirher at ppirher@gmail.com



Disaster Recovery News

The Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM), is looking for volunteers to help with construction projects in northeast Brunswick County. WARM's mission is to repair, rebuild, and make homes accessible, and to inspire service, generosity, and hope. To get on the volunteer mailing list and receive a list of work opportunities for the following weeks contact the volunteer coordinator, Lindsay Miles, at 910-399-7563 or Lindsaymiles@warmnc.org. Choose the days and the amount of time you can volunteer to work. Bring lunch and drink to the work site. WARM has tools and professional staff to guide and help volunteers regardless of skill level.

Save The Date: This is a reminder about the Brunswick County Hurricane EXPO on Saturday, April 25th, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at St. Brendan's Catholic Church on Rt. 17 in Shallotte. Volunteers from ***the bridge*** are going to be needed for greeters, parking attendants, and the un-met needs registration table. Look for a sign up sheet on one of the clip boards.



Keeping the bridge Healthy

Information on the spread of flu and the corona virus changes daily. That fluidity and misinformation continue to cause concern and uncertainty. The CDC site [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/index.html) provides daily factual updates which also include risk assessments and recommendations for everyday preventative actions. The World Health Organization site www.who.int also offers rolling updates, situation reports, and travel advice. Those worried about travel plans can also get information from the State Department Travel Advisory at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/worldwide-caution.html>

. Below are the CDC recommendations:

FLU & Virus Prevention

1. Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too. NOTE: Masks are for those who are ill, not those who are well.

2. Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.

3. Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Flu and other serious respiratory illnesses, like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), whooping cough, and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), are spread by cough, sneezing, or unclean hands.

4. Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.

5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

6. Practice other good health habits.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

For Work or Meetings

- Routinely clean frequently touched objects and surfaces, including doorknobs, keyboards, light switches, handrails, and phones to help remove germs.
- Make sure the facility has an adequate supply of tissues, soap, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rubs, and disposable wipes.
- Train others on how to do your job or conduct your meeting so they can cover for you in case you or a family member gets sick and you need to stay home.
- If you begin to feel sick while at work or during a meeting, go home as soon as possible!
- As the situation develops, know your organization's plans for dealing with an outbreak e.g. communicating schedule changes, instituting new procedures, taking additional precautions.

Belong to a Small Group

Our new Sermon Based Small Groups (SBSG) will begin the week of March 1st. The Series **The Gospel of Mark : Unexpected Good News** will run for 7 weeks; through the week of April 12th.

Cherish Children

bridge Builders, our Sunday morning children's program, is located in suite 206 during the 10:30 service. A nursery for infants and toddlers is also provided during the 10:30 service

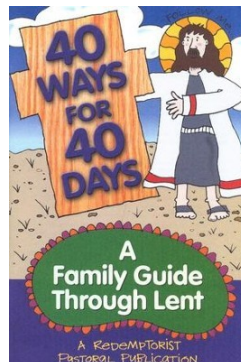
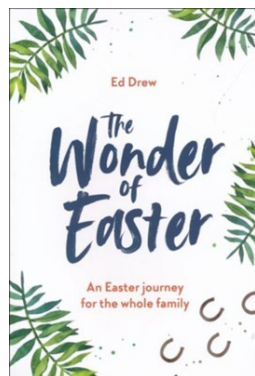
Sunday March 8th:



Teacher: Judy Hogg

Toddlers/Babies: Gidget Karlof

Lent Devotional Ideas for Families



Misc. Announcements

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge - March



Fran Rumpf	1
John Vernon	8
Cathy Boettcher	10
ben Lindsey	10
Richard Hepner	14
Cindy Rupprecht	14
Violet Stevens	17
Carol Nelson	28
Susan Stanewick	31



A planning meeting will be held Wednesday, March 11 at around 10:45 am (it will be immediately following the Hospitality Team Meeting.) The group will be meeting to discuss the cookbook project and plan upcoming meetings.

If you are interested in working on this project, please contact Kathy Westphal at (513) 315-2754 or email her at kathywestphal16@gmail.com



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